

AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFESAVING CLUB Inc.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT....Garry Clarke

As we approach the major championships we would like to wish all competitors the best of luck. We have been busy arranging transport of equipment for Aussies and through the help of Murray Tancred we were able to arrange 2 containers at a cost of \$14000 which is a large outlay to the club. Branch also have some space but are charging \$170 per ski and \$120 per board. People wishing to take boards on the plane will have to pay \$250. The club has agreed to subsidise the transport in our containers to a large extent and have set a levy of only \$50 to any member wishing to have craft transported to Perth, this includes boats. Opportunities to raise some funds towards this will be available in raffles over the coming weeks at Branch Carnivals. Slim has progressed with touring uniforms and they are costed at \$63 each of which the club will subsidise \$33 leaving a cost of \$30 per competitor.

The function centre continues to be well used and I would like to thank Tony Bennett and his team for all the work they have done in the initial stages of the management. Tony has put in a tremendous amount of time with other Lizards, Scott and Bobby Dorrell to assist transition of processes in the Club. Anita has also gone way beyond her role to ensure that we maintain a professional approach to the centre.

Thanks also need to go to Bob Dorrell, Scott Mulally and Andy Hoban for the amount of work they have done to outfit the Club and gym. Please pass on your thanks when you see them and keep the place tidy to assist. Over the Christmas break a number of members assisted in fundraising for the club and in particular Rob and Jessica Davis did a tremendous job in coordinating raffles and sausage sizzles to enable our competitors to attend Warriors On the Water. Thanks also to those who assisted in these events.

The coming weeks are going to require a real club effort to help run all the Branch Titles and the final of the Board and Ski and Peters Boat Series. Please give time where you can and make this an easier task by everyone getting involved. Setup time for all carnivals begins at 5.30am and pull down will be occurring from 3pm each day.

HELPERS REQUIRED

Over the next two weeks the Club is hosting the following carnivals.

Board & Ski Series Finals & Presentation	Friday, 9 February 6pm
Branch Age Championships	Sunday, 11 February 8am
Open Branch Championships	Saturday, 17 February
Masters Branch Championships	Sunday, 18 February

Helpers are urgently required in the following areas:

Set up	From 5:30am	Steve Jung (Beach), Trevor Tame (BBQ) Dave Babbage (water) - included setting Out of equipment, fencing, tent set up
Work Parties	Shifts throughout the day	Distribution of water & meals, result runners, taking up lanes etc.
BBQ	All day	Assistance in cooking & selling
Pack Up	End of day	All items need to be packed up and stowed away
Bar Staff	For Presentations	Two people to service Officials and Volunteers who have assisted during the Day

All helpers are supplied a t-shirt for their assistance and , invited back to the Clubhouse for snacks and refreshments following the Masters Championships on Sunday 18 February.

Please contact the Club on 4382 1514, or turn up on the day.

BOAT LAUNCH

The recent restoration of the original Avoca cedar surf boat has now been completed and ready to be hung in the Clubhouse. On Sunday 4 February, all those who attended the launch participated in a memorable day, where Helen Pickett and Peg Gee renamed and launched the Adrian Pickett, Richard Gee Surfboat.

The Tweakers, wearing the original one piece gold bathers took to the water in grace and style before the boat was handed over to all those who wished to be a part of history, to have a row in this old boat before it came out of the water forever.

A highlight of the day being, Jim Harpur and Bryce Norman, back behind the oars as they once again took to the seas. Those on shore held their breath though as the boat went up and over a wave and out to sea until John Mitchell turned and brought them back safely to shore.

Our thanks go to Craig Kelly, Michael Tamblyn and Michael Hunter for their donation to the Club of this beautiful old boat, and a huge thank you to all those who assisted in its restoration. We also appreciate the contribution of Ray Burton, the original builder, to the restoration.

Once again, our continued thanks also extends to our wonderful Ladies Auxiliary, who at short notice provided a lovely afternoon tea.

SIPPERS

The Ladies Auxiliary meals at Sippers have now finished for the season due to the many Club commitments which will interfere with regular Sippers.

Regular Sippers will not be held on the following days, however the Club Bar will be open most Sundays, although at a busier and more hectic atmosphere.

- 11 February Branch Nippers
- 18 February Open & Masters branch presentations, Club wrap up and thank you to all the volunteers over the past two weekends
- 25 February Nippers State Wrap Up
- 2 March State Open Championships
- 11 March Peters Boats Presentation
- 18 March Private Function
- 25 March Aussies

We apologise to all those who look forward to this Sunday night get together, and look forward to catching up again in April, but unfortunately, meals will no longer be available.

We sincerely thank the many Ladies Auxiliary volunteers who have gone through many trials and tribulations to get the meals prepared in the new high tech kitchen. Their efforts are very much appreciated as is their support & contribution to the Club.

EASTCOAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

After an exhaustive run of beach raffles organised by Rob Davis to help cover their costs our of team of new young guns, Liam Jackson, Dean Mackay, Jess Davis, Jessica Barnes, Tami Hunt Marissa Moore, Aaron Benson, attended the Eastcoast Championships and Warriors On Water at Kurrawa last weekend. Rob Davis proved a great team manager and mother hen with Damien Benson lending the technical touch, to an impressive weekend of results with the Club finishing 24th overall:

- Dean Mackay: 3rd Ironman
- Jess Davis: 8th Ironwoman
- U17 Male Board relay: 1st
- U15 Female Board Relay: 3rd
- Liam Jackson U17 Board, 2nd

TRANS TASMAN TEAM

Congratulations to:
Chris Parker, Liam Jackson, Dean Mackay, Tami Hunt & Jess Ryan on their selection to the Trans Tasman Touring Team.

ROCKS TO ROCKS

Once again, Rocks to Rocks was blessed with great conditions, as the water (finally) turned warmer and the sun shone on another successful swim. The winner this year was Wade Coster, closely followed by Chris (Chunky) Turner. Natalie Pope, was the first girl and 6th overall.

Our thanks go to Michael Hunter, his family, and Raine Horne Avoca Beach for this annual event.

NORTHERN BEACHES CARNIVALS

Avoca were strongly represented at the recent Freshwater, Manly and Queenscliffe carnivals.

Once again the young talent in the Club had great results, and it was good to see so many making the trek to Sydney to compete.

Lachlan Tame, Jack Mitchell are an impressive force coming through on the skis, (Murray Tancred is *slowly* improving) and Dean Mackay, Jess Davis, Gordon Jones, Marissa Moore continue to impress as did the Taplin Relay teams.

PATROLLING NEWS:**Patrolling Hours**

The patrol season continues until 25 April. Once again, patrols are reminded that Avoca Beach only has extended hours to the rest of the Branch and although other Clubs are signing off at 5, we are committed to patrol the beach until 6pm.

Patrol Hour Requirements

Just a reminder, that all patrol hours from 1 January to the end of the season are part of your 2007 patrol hour requirements for next years branch, State and Aussies entries.

Do your patrols now and avoid the rush at the end of the year, as often sickness or work commitments can impede on members obtaining their patrol hour requirements of 25 hours per calendar year.

Patrol Inspections

Each season, each Club has three Branch Patrol Inspections where all patrolling duties are inspected - from the correct patrol uniform, to patrol set up, log book completion, rescue scenario and First Aid.

The Club has been inspected once this season, so we have two more formal inspections and the possibility of 'helping inspections; where the same aspects are inspected by no formal marking, just assistance offered in improving our patrols.

Remember our Inspectors are also volunteers, they are their to assist us, our Club and help improve our lifesaving skills. Please treat them with curtesy.

Full details on Inspections with point allocations for the various disciplines are on the Noticeboard in the Captains Office.

The Clubhouse is now booked each week night with various activities such as:

YOGALATES AT AB SLSC CLUBHOUSE

Monday & Wednesday evenings 6pm

Friday mornings 9am

Contact: Anne Love 0411 049 969

PILATES AT THE AB SLSC CLUBHOUSE

Tuesday, an early morning class at 6:30am

Wednesday 9:30am, Thursday 6pm & 7:30pm

Contact Michelle: 4384 5005

MAD COW THEATRE DRAMA CLASSES

Tuesdays 4pm to 8:30pm, contact Mad Cow for more details.

AVOCA BEACH SLSC GYM!

Membership, as determined by the Executive is \$50 per surfclub season, and is only available to Club Members.

Gym memberships are now payable at the Admin Office and, once paid, access will be updated on the security system.

Entry will be via thumbprint scan at the gym door. Please note this is the only entrance, and should the double doors at the back be opened externally, the alarm will be activated.

We hope that all members will respect the gym and assist with the general cleanliness and upkeep of the room and equipment.

TRAINING COURSES:**Spinal Management Courses**

Will be held at the SLS CC Branch office on

Monday 12 February

Monday 12 March

Senior First Aid

AB will be hosting a Senior First Aid course at the Clubhouse on 10 March. All participants should have completed their on line component before attending the course. Anyone interested in attending, or need to register for the on-line course, should contact Bob Mellis asap on:

robert.mellis@dcs.nsw.gov.au

CRAFT SCRUTINEERING

A reminder to all competitors and their craft: branch Championships are the last chance to have your craft scrutineered.

All NEW craft and craft with a BLUE STICKER must be scrutinised, however craft with a red sticker are still current and will not require scrutineering.

This is the last chance, after 6 other opportunities for your craft to be inspected and craft that are not current will not be able to be used in competition.

Scrutineering will take place under the Avoca Clubhouse deck from 7am to 9:30am on each Branch Championship day.

CLUB PRESO

The Presentation Nigh originally setdown for 16 June has now had to be changed to Saturday, 30 June so please mark this new in date in your diaries. All new awards, including Bronze Medallions are presented on this night.

RSA COURSE

If anyone is interested in doing their RSA Course, please contact Rod Butler on 0409 854 714

75TH ANNIVERSARY BALL DVDS are available for sale at The Kiosk for \$20.

CLUB SWIMMERS

Male Swimmers: \$25

Female Swimmers: 1 & 2 piece, \$45

WEB CAM

The Webcam is now up and functioning. Go to:
www.avocabeachslsc.asn.au, or,
Www.coastalwatch.com
And follow the links for your view of our beach!

AB SLSC COMMEMORATIVE WINES

- ◆ Tyrrell's AB SLSC Chardonnay
- ◆ Tyrrell's AB SLSC Port
- ◆ Tyrrell's AB SLSC Shiraz

With labels showcasing the stages of the development of the new Surf Club

\$15 per bottle or \$140 per case

Contact: Slim Peebles. Ph: 0428 434 223

NOTICEBOARDS

Please make an effort to check the Noticeboards, particularly to check carnival entries. All information relating to patrols, competition & courses are regularly updated.

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The Administration Office is opened on

Monday 10am to 4pm

Thursday: 2pm to 5pm

Saturday mornings.

CLUBHOUSE DONORS

MITCHELL BROS. - Builders

SHANE FREEMAN

AVOCA ELECTRICAL SERVICES – Greg Weeks

AVOCA BEACH ARCHITECTURAL & HARDWARE

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